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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV INVITATION TO FONMIN KIMURA

REF: TOKYO 12793

1. SEC'Y GEN BREZHNEV, IN LETTER TO PM TANAKA DELIVERED OCT 16 BY SOVIET AMB TROYANOVSKY, REPEATED FONMIN GROMYKO'S EARLIER INVITATION TO FONMIN KUMURA (REFTEL) TO VISIT MOSCOW FOR TALKS ON CONCLUDING PEACE TREATY. FONOFF FIRST EE DIV (KISHICHIRO AMAE) ALSO CONFIRMED THAT LETTER REITERATED SOVIETS' DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND CONTACT BETWEEN LEADERS BUT SAID SOVIET TOP LEADERS' SCHEDULES PREVENTED VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. COMMENT: KIMURA AND FONOFF ARE STILL UNDECIDED ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF ACCEPTING INVITATION UNTIL THREE IS ASSURANCE AT LEAST SOME TANGIBLE PROGRESS COULD BE MADE DURING VISIT. AMAE (WHOSE FATHER-IN-LAW, KENJI MIISEKI, EX-AMB TO MOSCOW AND CURRENTLY AMB TO DELHI, IS NOW ATTENDING GOJ ASIAN AMB CONFERENCE) ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH MOST OBSERVERS THOUGHT KIMURA WOULD REMAIN IN CABINET AFTER "NOVEMBER RESHUFFLE FOLLOWING PRES FORD'S
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VISIT", KIMURA TENURE NOT CERTAIN AND HE WOULD PROBABLY

HESITATE TO MAKE FIRM PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW BEFORE HE WAS
Surer OF HIS FUTURE.

3. WE MAINTAIN OUR SUSPICION THAT MOSCOW MAY BE
EXTENDING INVITATION PRO FORMA TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS
OF TANAKA-BREZHNEV COMMUNIQUE BUT HOPING THAT LATENESS OF
INVITATION AND DOUBTS KIMURA MAY ENTERTAIN ABOUT OWN FUTURE
AND CHANCE FOR SUCCESS IN MOSCOW WILL LEAD HIM TO DECLINE
INVITATION. END COMMENT.
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